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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/588325  
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Art Unit: 3773 Status of Application: Final Rejection

**Tentative Participants:**

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Proposed Date of Interview: Dec. 1st or 2nd, 2010 Proposed Time: 10:30 AM (AM/PM)

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1)  Telephonic (2)  Personal (3)  Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES [ ] NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1, 2, 4-11, 13, 17</u>	<u>Kotula</u>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>12, 15</u>	<u>Kotula &amp; Freudenthal</u>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
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(4) _____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Continuation Sheet Attached  Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: See attached continuation sheet.

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/Kirsten L. Thomson/

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The items for discussion during the interview include the following:

- In paragraph 1 of Examiner's response to Applicant's arguments in the office action mailed September 10, 2010, the Examiner states that Kotula's "Figures 13-15 and 18 all show thin elongate members. Also page 28, lines 22-24 teaches them as nitinol wires." To the contrary, the verbatim quote from those lines is "nitinol wire mesh," which supports applicant's arguments. Similarly, Figures 13-15 and 18 illustrate "**braided metal fabric device 300**". *See Kotula*, page 28, line 14. These are not thin elongate members as claimed, and, as explained in the previous response, Kotula's mesh structure would frustrate the operation of the claimed invention.
- In paragraph 4 of Examiner's response to Applicant's arguments, the Examiner states that "Figures 14, 15, and 18 show the occluding bodies 316 attached to the elongate members." Actually, Kotula specifically states that the device is "**filled with polyester fibers**" (page 5, lines 20, 22, and 28) and "**can contain polyester fibers 316** (see Figures 15 and 18)" (page 29, lines 29-30). Accordingly, Kotula's polyester fibers are not in fact "attached" to thin elongate members, rather they are contained within Kotula's mesh. And with respect to the point above, if Kotula taught thin elongate members as the Examiner suggests, these free-floating polyester fibers would spill out of the device upon expansion.
- In paragraph 5 of Examiner's response to Applicant's arguments, the Examiner states that no structure is claimed for the occluding body. Yet, first and second occluding bodies are explicitly recited. To occlude means to "to close, shut, or stop up (a passage, opening, etc.)." *See, e.g.*, <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/occlude>. An occluding body, quite simply, is a body that occludes; no further structure need be recited.

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- In paragraph 6 of Examiner's response to Applicant's arguments, in view of the fact that Kotula does in fact teach only mesh/braided metal fabric, it could not physically be combined with Freudenthal's occluding body to achieve the claimed device.